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21 February 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Two supplements to the World Reaction Series were issued: one on President Kennedy's State of the Union message and the other on the Punta del Este Conference. [redacted] 50X1
2. On 23 January a Special Memorandum was issued by the Editorial Branch reviewing Cuban propaganda and Latin American comment on Cuba and Castroism. [redacted] 50X1
3. Special Memoranda were prepared for the Director on 11 and 12 February rounding up foreign radio and press reaction to the Powers - Abel exchange. Copies were sent to the White House, the National Security Council, and the Secretaries of State and Defense, as well as to the DDCI, DD/I, AD/CI, and DD/P. [redacted] 50X1
4. The Latin American volume of the Daily Report during the period 22 January through 2 February carried a special section dealing with the OAS foreign ministers conference at Punta del Este. A total of 156 pages of reportage and comment were published in this special section during the period. [redacted] 50X1
5. On 26 January a procedure was instituted whereby FBIS Wire editors began sending selected items from the REUTERS machine in headquarters to consumers of the FBIS Wire. The items, which originate with REUTERS in London, are carried under a London sourceline. The primary purpose is to alert the intelligence community to major news breaks and fast-moving developments in which material from primary sources may lag behind REUTERS' rapid but terse reporting. The new procedure relieves the field of its responsibility for filing REUTERS material on major news breaks and permits it to concentrate on unique REUTERS material designed for particular target areas. [redacted] 50X1
6. On 15 February, at the Director's request, a 1000-word roundup of foreign radio and press reaction to Attorney General Robert Kennedy's world tour in the Far East was successfully prepared on less than two hours notice and transmitted by wire to the Director's Office. [redacted] 50X1
7. Field support to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos is continuing, with headquarters propaganda-analysis support now on a watch basis only.

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FBID support for the nuclear test ban delegation in Geneva terminated with the breakup of that conference on 29 January, after a service maintained intermittently since October 1958. [] 50X1

8. At OCI's request, the Austrian Bureau is preparing daily digests of significant PRAVDA and IZVESTIYA materials that have not been processed from radio, in support of briefing papers for Press Secretary Pierre Salinger in anticipation of his projected trip to the Soviet Union. The Austrian Bureau's digests are being sent directly to the White House on the FBID Wire, as well as to OCI. [] 50X1

9. As a result of a State Department instruction to all foreign service posts during the latter part of 1961, in January the Liaison & Requirements Staff effected a number of changes in the distribution of FBID publications to American embassies, consulates, and legations. There was a particularly large increase in the number of recipients for RPB publications, with six new addressees for the Survey -- embassies in Monrovia, Niamey, and San Salvador, consulates in Casablanca and Dacca, and the legation in Bucharest -- and seven new addressees for Trends and Highlights -- embassies in Bangui, Baghdad, Freetown, Monrovia, and Niamey, the consulate in Kuwait, and the legation in Bucharest. [] 50X1

10. Of 206 items included in the OCI Current Intelligence Digest during January, 62 (30 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [] 50X1

11. During January, 91 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and nine percent to press scrutiny. [] 50X1

PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [] 50X1

1. The Austrian Bureau's excellent surveys of material in Soviet periodicals concerning the antiparty group and "personality cult," as well as its continuing reportage of foreign communist party comments in PRAVDA, have been greatly appreciated. RPB has found these surveys useful not only in its own analysis but in responding to the many consumer requests regarding the attitudes of nonbloc communist parties and the Soviet-Albanian-Chinese problem generally.

2. Radio Propaganda Reports currently in preparation include studies of Chinese Communist propaganda on the communes and on problems encountered in the collection of grain surpluses, and a report summing up evidences of disarray in the Soviet press since the 22d CPSU Congress in regard to politically sensitive formulas.

3. RPB Publications and Services

- a. A Radio Propaganda Report was issued on "Bloc Attitudes Toward 'Socialism' in Cuba and Ghana."

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b. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire:

- (1) "Mikoyan on Progress Toward 'Socialism' in Guinea and Ghana"
- (2) "PRAVDA Article Recalls 1912 Split in Communist Movement"
- (3) "GDR Commentator Exaggerates Soviet Nuclear Submarine Capability," based on a commentary FYI'd and subsequently filed by the German Bureau.

c. RPB Special Services

- (1) A Special Memorandum on "Recent Sino-Soviet Propaganda on the Congo" was prepared for the Director of Research and Analysis for African Affairs, Department of State, as background for Secretary Rusk in briefing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on U. S. policy in the Congo.
- (2) Copies of more than 20 statements by Soviet leaders reacting to speeches and statements by U. S. military spokesmen were assembled for USIA. The collation was in support of a background paper for Under Secretary of State Ball in connection with his testimony at the special Senate Preparedness Subcommittee hearings on military cold war education and speech review policies.
- (3) Statistical tables on Peking radio comment during 1961, with an introductory discussion, were prepared at USIA's request, for use by that agency in its annual report on communist propaganda. Copies were sent to the DD/I, OCI, and DD/P offices.
- (4) The facts about the 1956 "We will bury you" remark attributed to Khrushchev were assembled for a State Department requester, and a compendium of relevant quotations from Soviet propaganda, with a covering summary, was mimeographed for future use in connection with the recurrent queries from consumers on this subject.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. On 9 February the Okinawa Bureau, at Editorial Branch suggestion, began filing certain CFR regional items under a FAR EAST ONLY flag. Such items, considered by the bureau as worthwhile but of limited interest, are distributed in raw form to special consumers in lieu of publication.

2. When material of limited interest is flagged to Daily Report sections (for example, USSR ONLY), all teleprint copies are needed for special distribution, and such contradictory double flags as USSR ONLY, COPY TO TIU should be avoided. It is the receiving section's responsibility to see that TIU, FOS, or BIS interests are served. However, when an item of limited consumer interest contains information which the field considers of immediate and possibly urgent value to TIU or other special-interest components in headquarters, this information may be lifted from the item and filed separately as circumstances require.

3. When obviously important names are involved in faulty reception or possibly incomplete reference material, editorial notes indicating the specific problem are helpful additions to such routine safeguards as question marks and brackets.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Any Bureau which observes indications (1) that Moscow Mandarin on Soviet transmitters is jammed, or (2) that Moscow Mandarin via Peking home service is suspended or reduced further should report the indications to Headquarters, copy to FOS, and to the West Coast, Okinawa and Tokyo Bureaus. These Bureaus should similarly report any information they have which would confirm or modify the original report.

2. Where applicable, Bureaus are requested to break down the Monthly Production Report average wordage filed entry into Press Scrutiny as well as Voice and Press broadcast monitoring.

3. Upon receipt of OO messages from Headquarters, Bureaus are requested to advise Headquarters the transit time required for such messages to reach them. Information should be addressed to Chief, Field Operations Staff and may be sent by pouch.

4. With the imminent completion of the African Bureau Operations Building, installation of electronic equipment and related wiring is proceeding rapidly. The fourth house has been completed. Acceptance was delayed until poor workmanship on electrical work and painting had been corrected.

5. The African Bureau cable address is now FEDMONITOR LAGOS. The installation of the teletype circuit between Kaduna and Lagos was completed and tests

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proved satisfactory.

6. Highway 6 on Okinawa from Sobe to Bolo Point has at long last been paved. This completes the paving of all roads between the FBIS housing area and the Operations Building.

7. At the Panama Post savings in Vee antenna construction costs, permitted a third leg to be added to the east side of the original 170° antenna. By using the easternmost pair of antenna wires, another antenna is effectively gained and improved signals from Brazil are expected to result.

8. An emergency radio link on Air Force MARS frequency 143.95 mc/s was established between the West Coast Bureau and Hamilton AFB, California. The radio circuit operates in both directions with teletype equipment.

9. A second full duplex trans-Pacific allocated circuit, Tokyo - Washington, was activated 26 January 1962.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Attachments to Progress Report. Headquarters requires only one copy of attachments to Progress Reports when the subject matter concerns only Bureau or local conditions such as Bureau Directives, newspaper clippings, etc. Reports which have a standing copy requirement are not affected by this.

2. Employees are reminded that additional insurance coverage for spouse, \$1,000, and children, from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on age, has been put into effect for all UBLIC policyholders at total cost of an additional thirty cents per month. If a policyholder does not wish the additional coverage, the Administrative Office should be informed and it will be cancelled. Also if there has been a change in marital status since the policyholder was first covered, Headquarters should be informed of his desires concerning coverage of wife and children.

3. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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1. New Employees

Assignment

Mail & File Clerk
Administrative Staff

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Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch

Librarian
Editorial Branch

Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch

Clerk Typist
Editorial Branch

Propaganda Analysis Officer
Bloc Foreign Affairs Section
Radio Propaganda Branch

2. Reassignments

From

To

Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch

Teletype Operator
East Coast Bureau

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Editor, USSR & EE
Section, Editorial
Branch

Prop Analysis Officer
Bloc Foreign Affairs Section
Radio Propaganda Branch

Senior Editor
West Coast Bureau

Senior Editor
Tokyo Bureau

3. Separations

Assignment

Teletype Operator
East Coast Bureau

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Editor
East Coast Bureau

(Retirement)

Librarian
Editorial Branch

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